



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held September 23, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The State Legislature has just passed SB 278 introduced by Senator Denise Ducheny and is pending action by the Governor. This legislation would allow the California Department of Corrections to release prisoners so sick they could not take care of themselves. The bill would not apply to prisoners on Death Row or those convicted under California’s Three-Strikes Law.

“This legislation will dump more sick people into County hospitals who cannot afford to pay for services nor is there money appropriated in the legislation to reimburse counties that will be forced to render millions of dollars in health care services for these sick prisoners. It is simply a back door accounting shift, whereby the State is taking a costly program and putting the financial burden on local government.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to send correspondence urging the Governor to veto SB 278 (Ducheny), legislation which would allow the California Department of Corrections to release prisoners so sick they can not take care of themselves, excluding prisoners on Death Row or those convicted under California's Three-Strikes Law.

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